## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of **3.935 Ha** of forest land in Mahadevpur Division for providing BT Road from Palimela to Devadula via Kamanpally to Muknur in Mahadevapur Mandal 4/950 to 11/900 km in favour of Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Karimnagar Circle.- proposal **(FP/TG/ROAD/13147/2015)**–Final **(Stage.II)** approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 37

Dated: 30-07-2024 Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.No.9727/2015-FCA2, dt.19-09-2017.
- 2.State Govt. Lr.No.4020/For.I (1)/2017, Dt. 25.09.2017
- 3.From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB106/2017-CHN/1615, Dt.06.10.2017.
- 4.From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Rc.No. 9727/2015-FCA2(ii), dt.10-08-2020.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No. 4020/For.I (1)/2017, Dt. 05.09.2020.
- 6.From GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB106/2017-CHN/ 059, Dt.25.01.2021.

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## ORDER

In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **3.935 Ha** of forest land in Mahadevpur Division for providing BT Road from Palimela to Devadula via Kamanpally to Muknur in Mahadevapur Mandal 4/950 to 11/900 km in favour of Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Karimnagar Circle.

- 2. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.
- 3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai, for according necessary approval.
- 4. In the letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal **(FP/TG/ROAD/13147/2015)** in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- 5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **3.935 Ha** of forest land in Mahadevpur Division for providing BT Road from Palimela to Devadula via Kamanpally to Muknur in Mahadevapur Mandal 4/950 to 11/900 km in favour of Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Karimnagar Circle., under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-
  - (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
  - (ii) The State Forest Department shall carryout demarcation of the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from an amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.

- (iii) The Compensatory Afforestation (CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over the non forest land identified in Sy No. 38/1 in Morravanigudem Village of Vekatapuram Mandal from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency; As per as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- (iv) Identified CA land and approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (v) Non-forest land which ids mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the such original notification, to this office for information and record;
- (vi) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- (vii) The Layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (viii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land. Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora& fauna;
- (ix) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (x) The UA shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required by consulting the DFO concerned at the project cost.
- (xi) Two permanent check posts shall be installed at the exit and entry point of the road and all cart tracks which connects the road are to be closed permanently by digging of trench for 16730 cu.mnt as proposed by the DFO, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xii) A total of 40 number of publicity awareness boards shall be installed along the road by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xiii) Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled/cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (xiv) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- (xv) The construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals should be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of Wild animals;

- (xvi) The state Forest Department shall raise avenue plantation all along the roadside at the project cost with maintenance of 7-10 years from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xvii) Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil; and the dugout material/overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area;
- (xviii) No storage of any material will be done in the forest area proposed;
- (xix) The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xx) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **3.935 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xxi) The Forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxii) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xxiii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (xxiv) The progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO Mahadevpur Forest Division in Sl.No 12(v) (a) of part II i.e. 51 ha of forest shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
- (xxv) The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Integrated Regional Office regularly;
- (xxvi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency s liable for penal action as per the rules /guidelines issued under the FCA 1980;
- 6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Telangana, Hyderabad.

## Copy to:

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Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai -34.

The Inspector General of Forests(C), Suboffce, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad, Regional Office, Chennai, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Aranya bhavan, Hyderabad.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER:: //

**SECTION OFFICER**